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Prep Volleyball

New coaches ready to lead Bulldogs, Grizzlies

New Hermiston head volleyball coach takes down some stats on her players during practice Tuesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Fleming, Anderson preparing for first year as head coaches

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

As the dreaded dog days of August crawl by, many area teams are in the heart of fall training camps as the start of the season creeps closer.

In volleyball, a few area schools are not only preparing for the season, but also getting acclimated to new head coaches and assistants and the cultures that they bring with them.

One of those is the Hermiston Bulldogs and

first-year coach Elise Fleming who is preparing for her first season as a varsity head coach. Fleming, a 25-year-old Kennewick, Washington native, comes to Hermiston after spending last season as the freshman volleyball coach at her alma mater, Kamiakin High School in Kennewick. Fleming was a four-year volleyball player at Kamiakin from 2005-08, and in her senior season she helped her team to a state runner-up finish in the 4A division.

After high school Fleming enrolled at Eastern Washington University where she participated on the track and field team as a jumper and hurdler. Upon graduation Fleming returned to Kamiakin to help coach the track and field team, something she did for two years before getting back into volleyball last season.

When Fleming came across Hermiston's See VOLLEYBALL/2B

MLB



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren
Seattle Mariners manager Scott Servais, right, pulls starting pitcher Taijuan Walker, second from right, from a baseball game against the New York Yankees during Tuesday's game in Seattle.

Walker roughed up as Yankees beat Mariners

By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Jacoby Ellsbury hit a two-run homer and CC Sabathia pitched seven innings to win for the third time in two months, leading the New York Yankees over the Seattle Mariners 5-1 on Tuesday night.

Sabathia (8-10) was 2-6 with a 6.78 ERA in his previous 11 starts. He gave up a run in the third inning on a triple by Leonys Martin and single by Ketel Marte, but allowed just one single and his lone walk

over the next four innings. Tommy Layne pitched a perfect eighth and Dellin Betances worked around a two-out single to finish the four-hitter.

Taijuan Walker (4-8), recalled earlier in the day from Triple-A Tacoma, allowed four runs — three earned — and six hits in 5 2/3 innings, with three walks and five strikeouts.

Ellsbury staked New York to a 3-1 lead in the fifth with his sixth home run, a two-run shot to right-center that followed a leadoff double

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HERMISTON

James makes the jump



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Hermiston sophomore Andrew James looks to pass the ball during offensive drill on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Hermiston sophomore wins quarterback competition

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Hermiston quarterback Andrew James has left the kiddie pool, bypassed the lap lanes and stands with his toes hanging over the edge of the high dive.

The Bulldogs are confident what comes next won't be a belly flop.

Coming off an encouraging season on the freshman squad and a strong summer, James made sure Hermiston coach David Faaeteete didn't have to waver when naming him the varsity starter. He quickly seized the job after entering fall practices last week in a four-way competition.

"He's focused when he comes to practice and he wants to do well," Faaeteete said, adding two of his biggest strengths are his "competitive spirit and attention to detail."

"It was a big deal, knowing that I'm going to be the quarterback this year," said James, whose varsity experience is limited to a few games on the sideline. "I come in with high expectations. Last year we fell below our expectations, but we have the guys this year, we've just got to get it going. We're starting off pretty good and we've got some momentum but we've got start to getting game-ready."

Listed at 5-foot-10 and 165 pounds, James brings plenty of athleticism to the position, which should work perfectly in an offense See JAMES/2B

NFL

After career year, Seahawks' Baldwin ready for his encore

The 27-year-old hopes to live up to his \$46 million extension

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — While the rest of the wide receivers were going through agility drills, Doug

Baldwin joined teammates almost literally twice his size.

For several minutes, Baldwin lined up with the Seattle Seahawks' defensive linemen, slapping at the pads worn on the forearms of defensive line coach Travis Jones. It's a drill designed for pass rushers to focus on getting off blocks.



Baldwin

And it works quite well for wide receivers trying to escape the hands of grabby cornerbacks.

"With the defensive backs trying to put their hands on me, using the techniques that Cliff (Avril) and Mike (Bennett) have taught me about my hand placement on the defensive back's hands trying to get myself around them. The different

techniques they've taught me I just try and practice it in that drill," Baldwin said.

That specific drill — suggested Avril and Bennett — is another example of Baldwin's evolution.

Once primarily known for feeling dissed in every manner possible, Baldwin is no longer "Angry Doug" all the time. His motivation remains the same, but he's now content entering his sixth season. It helps that Baldwin is

coming off the finest season of his career that concluded with him getting rewarded with a \$46 million, four-year contract extension. The contract pays him like one of the premier wide receivers in the NFL and kept him from reaching free agency after the 2016 season.

"It meant a lot to be recognized, to be appreciated and plainly as a human being all of us want to

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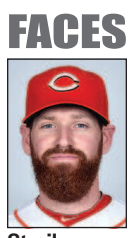
Straily earns 10th win of season

CINCINNATI (AP) — Dan Straily extended his surge since the All-Star break by pitching six innings and Joey Votto drove in a pair of runs to lead the Cincinnati Reds over the Texas Rangers 3-0 on Tuesday night.

A day after losing to the Dodgers 18-9, the Reds won a close one against a Rangers team that has been shut out three times in its last nine games.

Straily (10-6) hasn't allowed more than two runs in any of his eight starts since the break, going 6-0. He gave up three singles and two walks. He also got a huge assist from Hamilton, who ran down Carlos Beltran's fly to left-center field to open the sixth with the game scoreless.

Straily also recorded his team-leading 16th quality start of the season and lowered his ERA to 3.57 — its lowest point since mid-June.



Straily

"But Mike B. doesn't always necessarily operate by that code, either. It's hard to take him serious when he talks about the other guys taking food off his kids' plate — when he is driving around here with 10 different cars."

— Doug Baldwin

Seattle Seahawks wide receiver reacting to teammate Michael Bennett's comments from earlier in the week about 'crossing the line' of competitiveness in practice when it comes to fighting.

Linfield, College of Idaho set to scrimmage at Kennison Field

HERMISTON — The Hermiston School District is hosting Linfield College and College of Idaho for a scrimmage at Kennison Field from 3-6 p.m. on Thursday afternoon.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to provide a venue for two quality football programs to scrimmage," said Executive Director of Operations, Mike Kay in a press release. "With former Bulldog athletes Dylan Caldwell attending Linfield, and Landon Clark Gammell and Keegan Crafton at College of Idaho, it will be great to welcome these former students back to Kennison Field."

Crafton is a freshman tight end and Clark-Gammell is a freshman defensive end for the Yotes, while Caldwell is a freshman offensive lineman for Linfield.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1963 — The Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. is covered by ABC's Wide World of Sports for the first time.

2003 — Jockey Julie Krone becomes the first female rider to win a million-dollar race taking the Pacific Classic at Del Mar aboard Candy Ride.

2007 — The NFL indefinitely suspends Michael Vick without pay just hours after he acknowledged in court papers that he did, indeed, bankroll gambling on dogfighting and helped kill some dogs not worthy of the pit.

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